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OILSEED PRODUCTION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of oilseeds after the introduction of Oilseeds Production Programme has increased;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State wise;

(c) whether Oilseeds Production Programme is being run by the Government in 40 districts of the country;

(d) if so, the States under which the said districts comes;

(e) whether inspite of the implementation of the said programme the target fixed for the oilseeds production during Ninth Five Year Plan could not be achieved;

(f) if so, the short fall in production in comparison to the target;

(g) whether the Government propose to incorporate comprehensive reforms in the said scheme keeping in view of the aforesaid fact; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. After the introduction of Oilseeds Production Programme(OPP) by the Technology Mission onOilseeds set-up during the year 1986, the production has increased from 10.83 million tonnes in 1985-86 to the level of 24.75 million tonnes in 1998-99. Since 1999-2000 the production of oilseeds has been showing declining trend due to unfavorable weather conditions prevailing in the country. State-wise production of oilseeds from 1998-99 to 2001-02 is enclosed as Annexure-I.

(c)&(d): Oilseeds Production Programme(OPP) is being implemented in 28 States covering 408 selected districts.The States under which the said districts comes are Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, MadhyaPradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal & West Bengal.

(e)&(f): The production of oilseeds for the terminal year of Ninth Five Year Plan i.e. 2001-02 was 204.60 lakhtonnes against the target of 280.00 lakh tonnes fixed by the Planning Commission. The shortfall in production is due to severe drought conditions prevailing in the country.

(g)&(h): Keeping in view the experiences in the implementation of the scheme, certain modifications are contemplated.